



Plans To Save Theatre

The Board of Directors of the Duxbury Playhouse and the Executive Council of the Save the Theater Committee join in the following statement of the situation confronting the Playhouse:

1. In addition to approximately \$3,000 now paid or pledged, a sum of \$7,000 must be raised immediately as the absolute minimum necessary to make possible the opening of the Playhouse for the 1951 season. The board is extending the time limit for the drive until March 31. This sum is needed to meet the most pressing obligations to creditors, the taxes due, interest to the bank, to clear the way for an improved theater policy and management, and to pay initial expenses of opening.

2. If this \$7,000 additional cannot be raised, the theater will probably have to be sold in the next few months to interests outside the Duxbury community under circumstances which will involve substantial loss to creditors and investors and removal of all community control over the policy and conduct of the theater.

3. Mr. David Tutaeve, director of the Tributary Theater in Boston is being considered for employment as the managing director for the coming season.

4. In view of our plans for the future and the widespread community interest, every effort will be made to persuade additional representative community leaders to serve on the Playhouse Board. Mr. Patrick Welch, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Moritz and Mr. Murphy have resigned from the Board providing four vacancies to be filled at the annual meeting in March.

5. We share the desire for a non-profit community theater. We shall move toward that goal as rapidly as the legal and technical obstacles allow.

6. The Board and the Committee wish to emphasize that the only way to save the theater is through the success of our joint campaign to raise the necessary funds.

The executive Council of the Save the Theater Committee wishes to add that as a consequence of this joint action the purposes of the Board and the Committee have become identical. All who share the community theater goal are urged to make their contribution or pledge to either treasurer (or both) at once.

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D'Amelio-Garver Nuptials At Pilgrim Church

Ensign Mary D'Amelio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael D'Amelio of West Roxbury and So. Duxbury, was married in the Pilgrim Church at 2:30 p.m. last Saturday to Commander Donald Lee Garver of Dodge City, Kansas.

The Rev. Mr. John W. Estes, Jr., officiated at the ceremony, and a reception followed in Town Hall.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore Chantilly lace and net over skinner satin. Her fingertip veil was attached to a lace cap, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Sergeant Patricia D'Amelio, her sister, who was "Miss Fort Monroe" at the National Sea Foods Festival, representing the WACs, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were sisters Sally, Alice and Carmella. They wore red and royal blue chiffon gowns and carried white carnations. For her daughter's wedding Mrs. D'Amelio was gowned in heavenly blue chiffon. She made her own and her daughters' gowns including the wedding dress. The best man was Commander B. R. Manser, the ushers, Commander T. J. Abernombie, Lieutenant Kenneth B. Morton and Pfc. Anthony D'Amelio, brother of the bride. The naval officers are all stationed at Newport, R. I. On the way to the reception the bride and groom passed through an archway of crossed swords formed by other naval officers.

The bride was a student of her husband who was a member of the teaching staff at the School of Naval Justice at Newport. She did not realize he had been promoted to the rank of Commander until she saw him at the wedding. After a honeymoon that will include a trip to Kansas, Commander and Mrs. Garver will live in Bainbridge, Md., where he will serve as a legal officer.

Joe Pioppi's orchestra played at the reception, where there was dancing and refreshments. The artistic three-dimensional wall decorations were executed by the D'Amelio sisters.

There will be a photo of the bride in her white naval uniform in the May issue of Glamour Magazine.

Grange Notes

The literary committee of Duxbury Grange met at Mrs. Blanche Baker's home in Island Creek to plan the Competitive Program (Men vs. Women) at the Mar. 9 meeting. Warren Washburn heads the male part of the program. It will be Neighbors' Night with all Granges invited.



Don't miss LATE HOLIDAY, the second annual DHS Glee Club Minstrel Show. There will be two big shows Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14. The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Tickets cost 75 cents.

Not Intended As A Condemnation, Says Finance Committee

In the March 1 issue of the Clipper the Finance Committee released a statement respecting the School Department budget and its recommendations in respect to this budget. The Finance Committee wishes to correct any impression that this article was intended as an attack on the school staff, program or pupil preparation of the Duxbury schools.

Any interpretation that the Finance Committee's attempt to analyze costs was a condemnation of our schools would be unfortunate and unwarranted.

The financial statements and tabulations of the Committee were correct, but other comparisons between the Duxbury and Marshfield school systems were admittedly based on a limited study.

It is the hope of the Finance Committee that its purpose in issuing an article explaining frankly that per pupil costs are high but that the School Committee is well aware of this problem and is working on it at the present time may be better understood. The Finance Committee is sympathetic with the School Committee's problem and again recommends that the School Department be given the time to work the situation out to the best advantage of all concerned.

With The Girl Scouts

The Plymouth section of adult Girl Scout committees met in the Pilgrim Church vestry for the regional meeting, with 76 present from surrounding towns. After a buffet supper a business meeting was held, with Mrs. Reatha Burns presiding. Mrs. J. D. Shuter of Braintree led the Brownie discussion, giving new craft ideas and showing the new Leaders' Guide. The mariner groups from each town held round table talks. Miss Roushey of Quincy led the intermediate group. Plans were made for the annual jamboree to be held in Scituate in May. The next regional meeting will be Apr. 2 in Plymouth. On Mar. 19 the steering committee meets at the Duxbury Scout House for a camp course for adults.

Mrs. Philip Covell, leader of the Girl Scout intermediate group, is now leader of the Mariners, the new Girl Sea Scout group. Mrs. Bartlett Bradley takes Mrs. Covell's place. A greeting of the Mariners was recently held with Miss Helen Hanigan as acting leader.

School Committee Endorses D H S Building Program

The School Committee is unanimous in its approval of the recommendations of the High School Building Committee appointed at the last Town Meeting to investigate the needs of and bring in plans for the enlarging and reconditioning of the Duxbury High School. (At last Sunday's meeting the majority of the members of the Finance committee also voted to approve the recommendations made by the High School Building Committee to enlarge and recondition Duxbury High School.—Ed.)

The High School pupil population has increased from 170 pupils in 1946 to 208 pupils in 1950. The pupils in our elementary school indicate it will continue to increase to

236 pupils in 1951
248 pupils in 1952
266 pupils in 1953
282 pupils in 1954
306 pupils in 1955
334 pupils in 1956
345 pupils in 1957
377 pupils in 1958
397 pupils in 1959
421 pupils in 1960

or an increase of 78 per cent in nine years. No decrease in figures is anticipated as we believe students moving into new homes will offset any losses from students dropping out or moving away.

IT'S A MUST

A visit to our High School at the present time, will show that all available space is being utilized. The planned addition will be needed to accommodate the increase in pupils in September 1952.

The inadequate facilities of the Auditorium, toilets and showers in the present high school have been called to the attention of the voters of Duxbury. No improvements in this part of the high school can be made until the addition is available.

The increase in the pupils of the classes of the high school has required the splitting of three classes in some subjects. This has required the teacher to give the same course two or three times where once would be sufficient if the space and equipment were available. This is a major factor in the high per pupil cost and is an important problem in the school budget.

The increase in the pupil population in the Elementary School may also become a problem in September, 1953. The addition to the high school will provide space for one grade of elementary pupils of two to three years. This will postpone the need for an addition to the Elementary School for those years.

PLANS AVAILABLE

The study made by the High School Building Committee has been completed and the plans are available. Any delay in the acceptance of these plans will only increase and complicate the problem of school housing and school

costs in both the high school and elementary school.

To those who readily agree that an addition to the high school is necessary, but who urge a delay of a year or two, we should like to make this reply: any delay invites loss of the entire program through rising costs, lack of materials, possible building restrictions, lack of availability of reputable contractors with skilled help, increased borrowing costs and the necessity of considering temporary plans to meet the increasing pupil population, which is expensive and, in the long run, a waste of the taxpayers money.

SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Duxbury School Committee.
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Duxbury Poultry Club

Malcolm Brock, leader of the Duxbury Poultry Club was chairman at the supper meeting for leaders and members at Pembroke High School Mar. 3. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. William Libby; John and Phyllis Libby; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm C. Brock and son Donald; Herbert Wilson and son Donald; John Fernandes and daughter Evelyn; Mrs. Winona Nichols and daughter Edith; Mr. and Mrs. James Smithson and son James; Barbara Saley, James MacFarlane, Edward Seaver, Robert Harvey and Leonard Torrey.

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METHODIST CHURCH

A spaghetti supper will be held in the vestry Mar. 13 with Jack Goodman in charge. Hazel Mounce is chairman of the kitchen committee and Charlotte Morgan in charge of dining room and waitresses.

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